Child Prostitution

†681. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for increase in child prostitution;

(b) whether Government have taken or propose to take any effective measures to prevent this evil;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the cases of child prostitution that have been reported during last three years, State-wise and the action taken so far by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The reasons attributed to child prostitution are poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, increasing tourism, industrialization, demand of children for commercial sex and breaking up of traditional family system.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. In addition to the existing overall constitutional and legal framework like IPC and ITPA which prohibit exploitation of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation, the Government has prepared a National Plan of Action for Combating Trafficking of Women and Children 1998 which, *inter alia,* envisages Prevention, Awareness Generation and Social Mobilisation, Health Care Services, Education and Child Care, Housing, Shelter and Civic Amenities, Economic Empowerment, Legal Reforms & Law Enforcement, Rescue and Rehabilitation, Institutional Machinery and Methodology. The State Governments have been directed to take appropriate measures to implement National Plan of Action. Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act 1956 is being made more stringent for traffickers, brothel keepers, pimps, clients to curb the demand and supply. The other activities include awareness campaign through T.V. and Radio, sensitization of police and lower judiciary and involvement of NGOs in prevention and rescue activities.

(d) The incidence reported with regard to procuration of minor girls, buying and selling of girls for prostitution and importation of girls during last three years as provided by National Crime Record Bureau is given in the Statement (*See* below). Since law and order is a state subject, the State Government take necessary action is such cases. The Central Government provides financial support to NGOs and Government Organisations for prevention, rescue and rehabilitation of child victims.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Incidence of procuration of minor girls, buying & selling of girls for prostitution and importation of girls during 2001 to 2003

Sl. No.	State/UTs	2001				2002				2003			
		Procuration of minor girl	Buying of girls for prostitution	Selling of girls for prostitution	Importation of girls	Procuration of minor girl	Buying of girls for prostitution	Selling of girls for prostitution	Importation of girls	Procuration of minor girl	Buying of girls for prostitution	Selling of girls for prostitution	Importation of girls
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12	0	0	7	9	1	0	0	46	0	1	5
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Assam	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
4.	Bihar	16	1	1	83	9	0	0	38	1	0	0	37
5.	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Goa	2	NR	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
7.	Gujarat	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
8.	Haryana	5	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	1	0
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Jharkhand	1	0	0	2	5	0	0	36	5	0	0	0
12.	Karnataka	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
13.	Kerala	4	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
14.	Madhya Pradesh	4	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	13	0	25	0
15.	Maharashtra	21	1	1	1	34	8	1	0	20	5	3	0
16.	Manipur		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Mizoram	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Sl. No.	State/UTs	2001				2002				2003			
		Procura-tion of minor girl	Buying of girls for prostitu-tion	Selling of girls for prostitu-tion	Importa-tion of girls	Procura-tion of minor girl	Buying of girls for prostitu-tion	Selling of girls for prostitu-tion	Impora-tion of girls	Procura-tion of minor girl	Buying of girls for prostitu-tion	Selling of girls for prostitu-tion	Importation of girls
20.	Orissa	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
21.	Punjab	7	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Rajasthan	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
23.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25.	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26.	Uttar Pradesh	29	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	28	0	0	0
27.	Uttaranchal	7	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	7	0	0	0
28.	West Bengal	9	3	2	3	14	0	1	1	12	18	6	1
29.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31.	D. & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32.	Daman & Diu	0	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Delhi	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35.	Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	**138**	**6**	**8**	**114**	**124**	**9**	**5**	**76**	**171**	**24**	**36**	**46**